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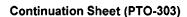
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	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
Advisory Action	10/734,259	NAGAOKA ET AL.	
Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief	Examiner	Art Unit	
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THE REPLY FILED 04 January 2008 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.			
1. The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or or this application, applicant must timely file one of the follow places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Nota a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliant time periods:	wing replies: (1) an amendment, aff otice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in o ce with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply mo	fidavit, or other evider compliance with 37 C	nce, which FR 41.31; or (3)
a) Me period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection. b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In			
no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.			
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Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of ex under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office late may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b) NOTICE OF APPEAL	tension and the corresponding amount shortened statutory period for reply orig r than three months after the mailing da	of the fee. The approprinally set in the final Offi	iate extension fee ice action; or (2) as
2. The Notice of Appeal was filed on A brief in comp filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any external a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed.	nsion thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to	avoid dismissal of th	ns of the date of le appeal. Since
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 3. The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because (a) They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below); (b) They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below); (c) They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or 			
(d) They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.			
NOTE: (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).			
4. The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).			
 5. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): 6. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the 			
non-allowable claim(s). 7. For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) will not be entered, or b) will be entered and an explanation of			
how the new or amended claims would be rejected is pro The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows: Claim(s) allowed: Claim(s) objected to: Claim(s) rejected: 1-22. Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration:		n be emered and an e	xpianation of
AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE			
8. The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but because applicant failed to provide a showing of good an was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).	at before or on the date of filing a No d sufficient reasons why the affidav	otice of Appeal will <u>no</u> rit or other evidence is	ot be entered s necessary and
 The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to a showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessar The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation 	overcome <u>all</u> rejections under appea y and was not earlier presented. S	al and/or appellant fai ee 37 CFR 41.33(d)(′	ils to provide a 1).
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER 11. The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:			
See Continuation Sheet.			
12. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s).13. ☐ Other:	(P10/SB/08) Paper No(s).		

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Zhang clearly mentions the monitor which is used to display digital images with face annotation (see paragraph [036], line 1-5). For the isolated faces, the elements (804) and (806) of Figure 8, are clearly isolated faces (see Figures 8 and 9). Furthermore, Zhang clearly mentions the arrangement of isolated faces base on the candidate name list which is assorted according to the similarity measure (see paragraph [0076], line 6-7). The function of determined similarity is read as the maximum a posteriori (MAP) estimation (see paragraph [0051], line 1-9)